

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean TAYLOR et al.

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Application No. 10/629,788 Group 3732

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Examiner Pedro Philogene

MULTIDIRECTIONAL ADAPTABLE VERTEBRAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS DEVICE WITH REDUCED SPACE REQUIREMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN A REISSUE APPLICATION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 8, 2006

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in a **reissue** application. Accordingly, its form is not dictated by 37 CFR §1.121, but rather by 37 CFR §1.173.

Responsive to the Official Action of September 8, 2005, for which the period for response has been extended two months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.